

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of April 6, 2009 with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following Remarks.

Regarding 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending claim 1, and claims 3-10, is not disclosed or suggested by Hameau either taken alone or in view of Pires because, for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner asserts that the "secret master key Km" disclosed at paragraph 58 of Hameau is viewed as the "secret information" of pending claim 1.

The Examiner further asserts that the disclosure at paragraph 65 of Hameau that "the intermediary results are stored in registers or in RAM" not stored in RAM teaches the recitation of pending claim 1 of "the secret information not being stored by the non-volatile memory".

However, Hameau specifically discloses at paragraphs 36 and 37 that the "secret master key Km" is stored in "a non-volatile part of the memory with which the microchip is equipped".

Thus, if the "secret master key Km" of Hameau is viewed as the "secret information" of pending claim 1, as the Examiner asserts, the "secret information" of Hameau is stored in non-volatile memory which is contrary to the claimed invention, and Pires provides no disclosure which makes up for this difference.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,



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